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**Indianola, Iowa** – The city of Indianola has awarded a \$45,600,000 contract to Williams Brothers Construction for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant.

In addition to meeting all required regulations, the plant will be among the first in the State to implement the lowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, part of the treatment process, which will reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus that gets discharged into the receiving stream. The new plant will also incorporate an innovative design that allows it to function in a cost-effective manner on a regular basis because of a built-in secondary peak flow treatment that will activate only in extreme, as-needed circumstances. Historical data shows the city hit peak flow only seven times in the last five years, which is a testament to the City's continued investment in its infrastructure.

"With city council's approval, our goal is to move this significant project forward, something we have been working towards for the last six years. We are in a great position financially, we approached it responsibility and now we are ready to take action," said Ryan J. Waller, Indianola city manager. "A wastewater treatment facility is an important, technology-driven, environmentally safe, heavily relied upon resource in a community. It is also necessary to foster and support growth. With the City's local option sales tax supporting this project, we are able to remain an affordable greater Des Moines metro area community to live and develop in."

More information and details on the proposed wastewater treatment plant may be found on the <u>city's website</u>. Additionally, the attached fact sheet provides more detail.

